

REMARKS

Specification

Applicant respectfully requests Examiner O'Brien to withdraw the objection to the disclosure in view of the above corrective amendments to the specification.

Claim Objections

Applicant also requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to claim 10 in view of the above corrective amendment thereto.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 3-5 and 8 in view of the above corrective amendments to these claims. The narrow limitation of claim 3 has been deleted therefrom and recaptured in new claim 14. The "in particular" limitation of claim 12 has been deleted therefrom and recaptured in the new claim 13.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103(a)

These rejections have been essentially rendered **moot** in view of the above cancellation of claims and the effective rewriting of the allowable claims 4-6 in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 4, 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has effectively rewritten claim 4 (4/1) in independent form by amending parent claim 1 to contain all of the limitations of claim 4 except for the "in particular" limitation which has been retained in claim 4.

Claims 2-7 and 10-14 are either directly or indirectly dependent on the now allowable amended claim 1. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all objections and rejections, and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1-7 and 10-14; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of two months. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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